

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 27, 2005

PUBLIC SESSION: CALLED TO ORDER

(Please insert closed session report)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 5:11 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: CALLED TO ORDER AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

(Please insert)

PUBLIC SESSION: RECONVENED

Board President Sue Roth at the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers, One Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, reconvened the Public Session of meeting at 7:05 p.m. Board Members Roth, Walker, Niday, and Wolf were present. Board Member Espinola was absent. New Student Representative Nathan Scalla was introduced at the meeting, but attended in an observatory capacity only this evening. **Administration present:** Tim Cuneo, Interim Superintendent and Susan Walker, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Patricia Kelban, Chief Business Official; Carolyn Lewis, Personnel Administrator; Gregg Gunkel, Scotts Valley High School Principal.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President, Sue Roth reported:

LEGAL

No actions reported.

PERSONNEL

1. **Certificated Personnel Action Report of September 27, 2005.** (Insert)
2. **Classified Personnel Action Report of September 27, 2005.** (Insert)
3. **Public Employment Title: Superintendent** (Insert)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Interim Superintendent Cuneo welcomed Student Representative Nathan Scalla to the Board, and directed Nathan to contact Dr. Silver with questions he may have regarding his position. Mr. Cuneo reported that the junior high and high school Independent Study Programs are in the process of relocating from the District Office to the High School campus. The elementary Independent Study Program will relocate to a portable on the Brook Knoll campus, and at some point in time; all three programs will be located on the High School campus. Back to School Nights at all sites are completed, and they were great fun. Barbara Cushing visited every elementary classroom to discuss the ACARE program. The district counselors will ask for an Information Item on a future agenda to discuss services in detail with the Board of Trustees. At the high school, the evening began with a common meeting, and this provided appreciated information regarding school policies and directions for the coming year. High School Parents had ample opportunity to see a wide range of program offerings. Interim Superintendent Cuneo met with the Falcon Sports Booster Club to discuss long-range plans and event promotions. All Teacher Evaluation workshops are complete – the evaluation instrument ties in smoothly with State Standards and teachers seem comfortable with the changes. District Administration is committed to working with the

Teacher Association to monitor this process. Mr. Cuneo concluded his report by acknowledging his last day at Scotts Valley Unified School District, and his pleasure in this opportunity. Mr. Cuneo will work with Dr. Silver on the transition process, and is confident the management team, teachers, and community will welcome the new Superintendent.

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 06-002 “Resolution for Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for the 2005-06 Fiscal Year-Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures”

Open – Board President Roth opened this Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

President Roth explained that at this time, anyone wishing to address the Board on the matter of sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials available for the fiscal year 2005-06 might do so now.

Public Comment – None

Close – Board President Roth closed this Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION – Limited to 15 minutes

Parent Wendy Brannan asked the Board to consider re-establishing the District Curriculum Council. There are areas of misinformation that need to be addressed such as the high school course offerings sheet. This document fails to inform parents that credits can be obtained through a variety of other programs, such as ROP classes, On-Line classes, College classes, etc.

Student Pearl Sangha asked the Board to reconsider addressing the scheduling problems for senior students at Scotts Valley High School. Some students have blocks of time as large as 2 ½ hours on campus between classes, and students would like the Board of Trustees to consider options for allowing students to leave campus during these time periods, or perhaps consider changing the current policy and structuring the high school as an “open” campus.

Tim Cuneo responded, stating that there are currently 41 seniors with gaps in schedules, and it is very difficult to offer comprehensive classes with less than 1000 students. Mr. Cuneo will provide the Trustees with an additional report, and he and Principal Gunkel would be happy to sit with students and discuss options and liabilities.

Community Member Jondi Gumz reported she is volunteering to head the Scholarship Committee at the high school, as she is interested in advocating student achievement.

Ms. Gumz is concerned that all Subject Area Leaders at the High School have resigned this adjunct duty due to a conflict with the stipend provided for this service, and research on this subject shows that SVUSD does not begin to compare with neighboring districts in regards to SAL compensation. Ms. Gumz has noticed an unclaimed \$4,400 in the budget, and would like to see this money go to SAL leaders, so that resignation letters can be rescinded and department heads can resume their work.

Arts Coordinator Darshana Croskrey delivered a report for Carole Harris, who was previously asked by the Board to represent SVUSD on the Cultural Council. Mr. Croskrey attended the first strategic planning sessions of the year, and reported that while funds for the SPECTRA programs continue to decline, programs are in place for Scotts Valley elementary schools for the 2005-06 school years. Performing and Visual Arts are offered at the high school, and an after school music program is planned for the middle school. Ms Harris will return at a later date to update the Board Members on these programs.

Student Brett Johnson reported that the reason the number of students with gaps in schedules has decreased, as reported by Interim Superintendent Cuneo, is that students have been encouraged to take

Teachers' Aide positions to fill these gaps. Students feel that problems have developed due to the new scheduling program used by the Counseling Department at the high school last spring. Brett asked for a temporary solution for this year – parent waivers for senior students.

Parent Karen Stebbins expressed frustration at the lack of class offerings and schedule continuity at the high school. Mrs. Stebbins has three high school age students – one has passed his proficiency exam and now attends all classes at Cabrillo College, and both others take some classes at Cabrillo due to lack of offerings. The process for leaving campus is extremely slow, and her daughter is late to her college class – with little sympathy from the professors.

CONSENT AGENDA MSP Wolf/Niday 4-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, after discussion among audience members, Board Members, and District Staff regarding item A.5

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- B.1** **Resolution No. 06-002, Textbook and Instructional materials Compliance for the 2005-06 Fiscal Year, Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures MSP Niday/Wolf 4-0** on a roll call vote, after discussion and input from audience members and District Administration.
- B.2** **2006-07 Student Calendar MSP Niday/Wolf 4-0** to approve the calendar as presented. Mr. Cuneo indicated that calendars for 2007-08 and 2008-09 would soon be complete, and Student Representative Scalla asked to provide student recommendations. Board President Roth assured everyone that the proposed calendars would be “sunshined” before action by the Trustees. Assistant Superintendent Walker asked for a spelling correction to Yom Kippur.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

- C.1** **District Office Review** Interim Superintendent Cuneo introduced a County office of Education representative who provided a report on the review process and findings. See information in the Board Packet.
- C.2** **California Healthy Kids Survey** Assistant Superintendent Walker introduced District Nurse Patty Durkee, who presented a comprehensive report to the Board Members. See information in the Board Packet.
- C.3** **District Enrollment** Chief Business Official Patricia Kelban presented this information to the Trustees. See information in the Board Packet. Discussion took place among audience members, board Members, and District Administration regarding making the public aware of the importance of student attendance to ensure maximum funding from the State of California, investigating enrollment trends at neighboring middle schools to see if this is an area problem or a district matter, and ensuring that campus policies and class offerings benefit the largest number of students at the sites.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications received by the Board.

BOARD DISCUSSION

President Sue Roth reported that the road work at the intersection of Scotts Valley Drive and Granite Creek/Glenwood Drive would soon be completed. The removal of the Stop Sign at Glenwood Drive and Casa Way/Kerry Court will be readdressed after this road work is completed. Ms. Roth attended the COE Superintendents and Board Presidents Meeting, and is pleased by the quest for true collaboration. Ms. Roth is a member of the Policies Committee, and this group is drafting a resolution to encourage cooperation and collaboration among the county school districts.

Board Member Niday recognized Mr. Wolf as the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year. Ms. Niday reported the Legislative Action Committee would meet at her house on September 28th. Trustee Niday would like to continue in her position on the District Housing Task Force. Ms. Niday reported that October 7th is the Scotts Valley High School Homecoming, and invited the public to see this wonderful community event.

Board Member Wolf reported on the successful Bean Creek Run fundraiser – all proceeds go directly to schools. Mr. Wolf also mentioned that teacher Katie Bagley was first in her division!

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next Regular Meetings of the Board of Education will take place on October 11th and 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers unless otherwise announced. Dr. Silver will chair the Superintendent's position.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Minutes Approved By

Chuck Walker,
Clerk to the Board of Trustees